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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF AIR SERVICE - JAPAN/ROC

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1. CHINA AIRLINES (CAL) VICE PRESIDENT CONFIRMED THIS A.M. THAT CAL WILL NOT MAKE "INAUGURAL" FLIGHT JULY 16 VIA TOKYO TECHNICAL STOP. VP EXPECTED "FEW DAYS DELAY" UNTIL MYRIAD DETAILS WORKED OUT BY JAPAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES.

2. "DETAILS" REMAINING UNRESOLVED ACCORDING CAL, ARE COMPLICATED BY FACT JAPAN HAS NOT FORMALLY NAMED "COUNTERPART" AIRLINE WITH WHICH CAL CAN NEGOTIATE SEVERAL TRADEOFF ITEMS, DESCRIBED AS GROUND HANDLING, TICKETING, FLIGHT SCHEDULING AND ACCESS TO HANEDA (TIMING AND PARKING AREA B SO AS NOT TO PROVOKE PRC'S CAAC), OVERFLIGHT OF TAIPEI FIR BY JAL, ETC.

3. ON LATTER ITEM, ON QUID PRO QUO BASIS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES EXPECT AUTHORIZE JAL TO OVERFLY TAIPEI FIR BEGINNING JULY 20. IT IS ASSUMED GROC WILL HAVE TO SEE PROGRESS ON CAL'S ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE INTERIM TECHNICAL STOPS AT HANEDA BEFORE THEY AGREE TO JAL OVERFLIGHT, HOWEVER.

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4. OTHER ASPECT OF NEW AGREEMENT REMAINING TO BE IRONED OUT, IS ACCESS TO SECOND CITIES. PRIOR TO DISRUPTION OF AIR LINK, CAL HAD SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TO BOTH TOKYO AND OSAKA. AS RECIPROCAL MEASURE, EVENTUAL JAPANESE AIRLINE

FLYING TO TAIWAN WILL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO BOTH TAIPEI
AND KAOHSIUNG.

5. IN ANY EVENT LOCAL AIRLINE AND CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES ARE
CONFIDENT PROBLEM IS NOW "NOT POLITICAL BUT TECHNICAL",
LARGELY STEMMING FROM HANEDA'S OVERCROWDED CONDITION.
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